Rehabilitation package for riot victims in Gujarat

*225. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government prepared a rehabilitation package for riot affected people of Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for delay in finalising the package?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) Besides the efforts undertaken by Government of Gujarat for rehabilitation of riot affected people, the Prime Minister announced on April 30, 2002 a Package of Rs. 150 crores for the economic rehabilitation for the riot-affected persons in Gujarat which included:

(i) Reconstruction and repair of damaged homes and shops both in rural and urban areas.

(ii) Assistance to all the self-employed categories who lost their earning assets.

(iii) Financial support for recommending business, commercial and industrial activities.

(iv) Revival of educational, medical and other institutions in the affected areas and special programmes to benefit widows and children.

The package announced by the Prime Minister supplemented the schemes udertaken by the Govt. of Gujarat and is being implemented expeditiously. There has been no delay in finalising the package.

Assistance to SERCs

*228. SHRI S.M. LAL JAN BASHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a plan to assist the State Electricity Regulatory Commission, based on their performance;

(b) if so, the details thereof;